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THE PREFACE TO THE READER.

I *Have now Run my Third* Stage, *thro' many* Difficulties *and* Hazards *of* Liberty, *with much Charge and many Inconveniences; you'll be apt to tell me, Then 'tis time to leave off, and not Venture any more on the Turgid and* welling *Sea of* Popular Envy: *What Man would put to Sea in* Storm, *and Expose himself to the Mercy of the Waves, the* Dangers *of the Rocks and Shelves; all which, if he Escapes,* e *cannot return with a Profit answerable to the Risque he runs?*

This *may be called* **Humane Prudence,** *in those who have* o other *Considerations than* Private Interest, *which is the last* hing *a Wise Man or an Honest Man will think of. Were we* orn *for our selves we might be allowed to Work for our selves,* nd *to Muddle in that Dirt from whence we had our Original:* ut *the Founder of the* Universe *has Appointed us other Work;* e *are sent into the World on greater Errands, and about more* aterial *Business, than to while away our Time in the Vain and* mpty *Pursuits of* Profit *or* Pleasure.

'Tis *true,* Riches *have got the Vogue, and Rich Men are* nerally *Esteem'd; nor are* Riches *to be Despis'd when* Honestly otten: *But methinks they are extreamly well Express'd by the* oman *Word* Impedimenta; *for really they are the* Baggage, e Luggage *of* Vertue; *and how seldom do we find a Rich* an *good either for his* King *or* Country?

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The Greateſt Actions for Engliſh Liberty *have been done* *thoſe that have* Deſpis'd *the Smiles of Fortune, and never thou* *themſelves Unfortunate under the Preſſures of Adverſe F* *whilſt they have been Succeſsful in the Service of their Countr*

Faber quiſque Fortunæ ſuæ, *ſaid the Poet.* Every M makes his own Fortune; *his Advantages or his Miſeries* *owing to himſelf. But no one can Judge of a Man by* *Wordly Circumſtances; for* True Happineſs *is not without,* *within the Man. If his* Miſery *is the Effect of his* Vert *much Happier is he than one that has accumulated* Riches *the Expence of the Publick.* Qui Feſtinat ad Divitias, non e Inſons. *And* Guilt *or* Innocency *are the two great* Plagues Comforts *of Humane Life.*

But after all we have ſaid, Solid Vertue *muſt* Ri *Triumphant over all the* Trophies of Fortune, *the* Favour Princes, *or* Worldly Riches; *'tis that which can look* beyo *the Horizon of Humane Life; and when the Flux of* Time, *its great Winding-Sheet, ſhall Bury all other things in* Oblivio *that ſhall ſtill ſtand Permanent and Laſting; according to the* Po

——Nill non Mortale Tenemus.
Pectoris exceptis, Ingenijque Bonis.

I cannot ſay, with the Sieur Montaigne, *that* If I were t Live over my Life again I ſhould Live the ſame as I hav done already: *The Offences I have Committed againſt m Creator, I hope, by his Grace, I ſhould then Omit; but hither I have not Repented of the Services I have done my Country and were I to paſs the Stages of Life I have already Run, ſhould endeavour to exert a greater Vigour in the Publick* Servic

The Wiſeman tells us, When we go about to Build a Hou we muſt firſt ſit down and count the Charge. *But when th Houſe of our* Conſtitution *is pulling down by Wicked an Sacrilegious Hands we muſt not do ſo; we muſt Venture Life an Limb to ſave* It; *we muſt fear neither Thunder nor Lightning the Threats of Men and Devils muſt not deterr us from th Service of our Country.*

'Tis true, in this Service I have met with amazing Circumſtances I have Born the Yoak of my Country in my Tender Years, an

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roubles *have mov'd in a Circle upon me: But ſtill has* ovidence *Preſerv'd me, by Sea and by Land, from the* Sword at *Devoureth by* Day, *and from the* Peſtilence *that Walketh by* ight; *from the* Deſigns *of* Evil Men, *and from the* Violence Oppreſſors, *which I take to be a* Call *to the* Work, *and* at now *it is my Duty.*

You may expect, Reader, that I ſhould ſay ſomething to my roubles *in this Reign: There is a Time to* Speak, *and a Time be* Silent; *and he that Speaks out of Time, Speaks to no* urpoſe. *I wiſh the Iniquities of the Times would bear the* Truth; t *the Ends of the World are come upon Us; this is the Period* Time *in which we can neither bear our* Iniquities *nor the* emedies *of them.*

But to ſay truly, I can't tell from whence the Proſecution hould come: *If from the Parliament, then the Articles complain'd* f *by Parliament would have been part of the Information againſt* e: *I could not find that it was by Order of the Queen and* Council, *at leaſt a Miniſter of State wou'd not Satisfie me in it,* hen *I ask'd that Favour of him.*

I am apt to believe ſome of the **Tackers** *in the Houſe might* revail *with Sir* Charles Hedges, *the* Secretary of State, *to Iſſue* he *Warrant againſt me, upon which I Surrender'd my ſelf; for* hen *I came to his Office, he Examin'd me upon the* Proclamation, nd *ask'd me,* Whether I was the Perſon mention'd in it. ut *it did not conſiſt with my Prudence to Anſwer Poſitively to* hat *Point; not knowing but it might be eſteem'd a* **Breach of Privilege** *to Interpret the Meaning of a Proclamation, Iſſued* y *Virtue of an Addreſs of the* Houſe of Commons. *But certain* t *is the Houſe of Commons gave no Order to the* Attorney eneral *to Proſecute; he had his Order from Mr. Secretary* Hedges, nd *there it muſt reſt, as Captain* Weekes's *Concern does, till* uch *Time as Means may be found to get a Knowledge of it.*

Be it how it will, Proſecuted I was; I have been Repreſented the *Queen, as an* Ill-Man, Seditious, *and endeavouring to* ir *up* Diſcord. *And by the Articles againſt me in the Information,* find *the Main ſtreſs lies upon what I have Written relating to* e Navy, *which they ſay is a Reflection on his Royal Highneſs;* w *that can be, let any unprejudic'd Perſon Judge.*

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But however I may be Aſpers'd *and* Traduc'd *by the* N
Men, *I can vouch for my ſelf, that I have done as much* R
Service to Her Majeſty as any of my Accuſers; *and put us u*
the ſame Foot, the Merits of the Perſon will ſoon appear. T
know themſelves that I don't ſpeak without Book.

But what does it ſignifie? Be a Man never ſo Honeſt
Juſt, *never ſo* Loyal *or* Deſerving *of Prince and Country;*
he labours under the Fate of Obſcurity *or an* Evil Tongu
What ſhall be done unto thee, Oh Wicked Tongue? E'en let
Rail on, in the Devil's Name: He that has Perſonal Mer
Honour *and* Honeſty *within himſelf, needs little care for*
Tongue ſet on Fire of Hell. But I am apt to think nothing c
be a greater Misfortune to Princes, than to have Men Accompliſh
for Buſineſs Aſpers'd and Miſrepreſented, in order to the Introduci
of Men Ignorant *in the Poſts they are Employ'd in.*

I could go farther, but perhaps I have gone too far already
I ſhall only tell thee, Reader, that as I have begun this **Fourt**
Volume, *ſo, by* Divine Aſſiſtance, *I intend to finiſh it; th*
I could Heartily Wiſh I had no Occaſion to do ſo. I am n
Infected with the Scribendi Cacoethes; Scribling *is not m*
Diſtemper; and, Conſideratis Conſiderandis, *no Wiſe Man wi*
think it a Profitable Province; and I heartily Wiſh ſuch a Tur
of Affairs may happen that there need be no more Occaſion o
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